REMARKS

Claims 6-8, 10-17, and 19-34 are now pending in the application. Claim 21 is

amended.

CLAIMS

Applicant has amended claim 21 at the last line to add the word "side" as follows:

"...the membrane on the <u>side</u> opposite to that contacted by the raw permeate."

As such, claim 21 now corresponds directly with allowed claim 16 of the related IPAU

patent application.

CONCLUSION

Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this

application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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